

BRITISH GUNS, INFANTRY, TANKS, CAUSE BIG LOSS TO GERMANS

Fighting still is in progress on the French front at Bailleul and on the British front further east.

BRITISH AND GERMAN TANKS IN BATTLE BEFORE AMIENS

Haig's Troops Regain Ground Lost Below the Somme—Hard Fight Continues in Picardy.

[BRITISH REPORT]

LONDON, April 25.—The following statement was issued to-day by the War Office:

"Heavy fighting took place all night in and around Villers-Bretonneux and still continues. Our troops regained ground by counter-attacks and have taken a number of prisoners.

"The fighting yesterday on the whole of this front was most severe, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by artillery, infantry and tanks.

"North of the Villers-Bretonneux-St. Quentin road the enemy three times attacked our positions, and on each occasion was repulsed with loss. During this fighting the enemy made use of a few tanks.

"A raid attempted by the enemy during the night in the neighborhood of Bucquoy was repulsed.

"The hostile artillery has been active during the night in the Festubert and Robecq sectors."

"Late yesterday evening the enemy also attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and was repulsed. Early this morning the enemy renewed his attacks in this sector and on British positions farther east, after an intense bombardment. The fighting continues in this sector on a wide front.

GERMANS HELD AT HANGARD; ARTILLERY BATTLE ON AVRE

Heavy German Casualties as the Town Changes Hands Three Times in the Night.

[FRENCH REPORT]

PARIS, April 25.—The statement issued to-day by the Paris War Office reads:

"The battle continued with violence around the Village of Hangard, on which the Germans concentrated their efforts during the night. French troops resisted valiantly and counter-attacked several times with success. The village was lost, then retaken by the French, and finally remained in the hands of the Germans at the cost of heavy losses. The French are holding the immediate outskirts of Hangard, and the Germans have not been able to debouch from the town in spite of repeated efforts.

"On both banks of the Avre the artillery fighting continues with violence.

"The French made several successful raids, especially west of Lassigny, south of Coucy-le-Chateau, and in Lorraine. We took a certain number of prisoners. The artillery fighting was very active in the Woivre in the region of Flirey and Regneville. Elsewhere there is nothing to report."

GERMAN OFFENSIVE THIS TIME SMALLER THAN THE OTHERS

Great Slaughter Attending Headlong Rushes Causes Change to Local Thrusts—Seek High Ground Before Amiens.

OTTAWA, April 25.—The resumption of the German offensive seems on a much smaller scale than formerly, and its objectives in yesterday's attack were obviously limited, says a Reuter's despatch from London.

"It is possible," he says, "this is due to the realization of the great slaughter which has been attending the Teuton headlong rushes, but the enemy has huge forces assembled in the neighborhood, and if local thrusts like that which captured Villers-Bretonneux yesterday can be repeated the enemy is sure sooner or later to take advantage of these gains to push onto the utmost at the best moment."

"As in the case of the attack which captured Arras, the enemy made two thrusts against Villers-Bretonneux yesterday. One was made against Mount Kemmel and was repulsed. The other was launched against Villers-Bretonneux, where the Germans were evidently anxious to wipe out a salient and capture high ground on both sides of the road leading to Amiens before attempting another general advance. All other enemy attacks yesterday were clearly diversions."

"The junction of the French and British lines apparently is somewhere between Hangard and Villers-Bretonneux, which lie just north of the River Luce and cover two of the great highways along which the German advance toward Amiens is directed. Villers-Bretonneux was captured by the Germans yesterday, the extreme right of the British line and the extreme left of the French line thus having been formed back about a mile in this renewal of the main German drive.

"If American troops are being used to support and stiffen the line at this juncture there is every reason to believe that they have already been heavily engaged."

WEEDING OUT THE UNFIT.

Efficiency Boards at Army Camps Hastening Work.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The urgent need of American troops in France has caused a hastening of the process of weeding out officers deemed unfit to lead the troops in battle. Efficiency boards are in session at several of the camps. National Guard organizations are a particular object of solicitude that they may have good officers.

A number of officers have been discharged recently from the National Army, particularly among the Engineer Officers Reserve Corps.

Three Killed in Explosion at Amiens Plant.

HAMILTON, Ont., April 25.—Three men were killed and a number injured today by an explosion at the plant of the Hamilton Tar and Asphalt Company. The cause of the explosion is not known.

DANIELS HONORS N. Y. NAVAL MEN FOR SAVING LIVES

Commends Crew of Destroyer Parker for Heroism When Ship Was Torpedoed.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Officers and men of the United States Destroyer Parker were commended to-day by Secretary Daniels for bravery and heroism in their work of rescuing the nine survivors of the British Hospital Ship Glenart Castle, torpedoed Feb. 26.

The men commended were: J. C. Cole, No. 2 Hestia Park, Roxbury, Mass., who jumped overboard to rescue a drowning man, and J. T. Newman, No. 4 Georges Road, New Brunswick, N. J., who went to Cole's assistance and had to be called back by the executive officer.

Two others, David Goldman, Philadelphia, and Wilbur Mathews, No. 37 Palisade Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y., jumped overboard to the assistance of the fourth officer of the British vessel.

Others commended are Roy E. Hoffa, Providence, R. I.; Thomas P. Trone, No. 573 Crescent Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James H. Quinn, No. 134 Stevens Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Francis W. Beeghly, Des Moines, Ia.

The officers and crew of the Parker received Great Britain's thanks from Thomas J. McNe, a Secretary of the Admiralty, who commended them before Parliament.

The Parker was trailing two submarines, which had been reported, when the survivors were sighted. A heavy sea was running.

GERMANS NOW ADMIT LOSSES IN OFFENSIVE WILL REACH 600,000

Report From Scandinavian Sources May Be an Enemy Attempt to Minimize the Latest Casualties.

COPENHAGEN, April 25.—Reliable figures, which, though not official, come from trustworthy sources, assert the Germans now admit their losses in killed, wounded and captured in the early phases of the latest offensive have reached 600,000.

The figures given by Karl Meltzer, in Novo Europa, of Germany, show that up to the end of January, this year, Germany had lost 4,500,000 killed, wounded and prisoners, including naval and colonial losses, auxiliary forces and deaths due to illness. Including the latest losses, Meltzer, therefore, has lost more than 5,000,000.

It is believed here Meltzer's figures were given out as an attempt to minimize, by comparison with earlier losses, the great casualties suffered in the latest offensive against the Franco-British forces.

The deaths due to illness and the deaths among Germany's civilian population make it certain Germany cannot recover her losses for a generation or more.

LOSING ONLY ONE MACHINE, BRITISH DOWN 17 OF ENEMY

More Than 21 Tons of High Explosives Are Dropped on German Targets.

LONDON, April 25.—The official statement relative to air operations issued by the War Office last night reads:

"The weather on Tuesday was unfavorable for flying until 5 P. M., after which sharp fighting occurred in the air. Reconnaissance was carried out at a low altitude throughout the day. Merville, Estaires, Steenwerck, La Gorgue, the Chantreaux railway junction and the docks at Ostend were heavily bombed.

"Fourteen hostile machines were brought down, two were driven down out of control and one was shot down back of our lines by anti-aircraft fire. One of our machines is missing.

"During the night twenty-one tons of bombs were dropped on different targets including Roulers, Merville, Arras, Bapaume, the railway stations at Chantreaux, Thourout, Tournaï and Courtrai and the docks at Zeebrugge. Direct hits were obtained on all these targets and several fires were started. All our machines returned."

HEAVY FIGHTING IS ON IN THE ASIAGO BASIN

British Flyers Wing Four Enemy Airplanes in Battles in Sky in Italy.

ROME, April 25.—Quite severe fighting in the Asiago Basin, west of the Brenta River, is reported in the official statement issued by the War Office here. The statement reads:

"In the Asiago Basin, British reconnoitering patrols attacked enemy detachments which attempted to oppose them. Before our lines at Canove the enemy was forced to retire, leaving behind a number of dead. Later on hostile groups advancing toward Monte Koberlaba were repulsed in disorder by our rifle fire. Another party approaching our lines south of Stoccarda was attacked and dispersed.

"On other sectors of the front there was patrol activity on both sides. Our forces captured machine guns and rifles in the Alano district.

"Four enemy airplanes were shot down by British aviators."

German Prisoners From the Captured U Boat 58 Arriving at Fort McPherson, Ga., for Internment



These are the first German prisoners to arrive in this country. They were caught in the war zone by the United States Destroyer. Fanning in an engagement last November.

GERMAN CAVALRY ON DUTCH BORDER; MINISTERS LEAVE

Kaiser's Note to Holland Demands Transport for Materials for Army Use.

ROTTERDAM, April 25.—The anxiously awaited German note to Holland has arrived at The Hague and the contents communicated to the Dutch Government. Although no public announcement has yet been made it is learned from well-informed sources that, while not exactly in the nature of an ultimatum, the note is couched in strong language and demands an early answer. It indicates a determination to secure the right of through transport from Germany to Belgium of sand and gravel, which obviously is needed for military purposes.

Simultaneously reports arrive from the Dutch Westphalian frontier of military demonstrations by the German cavalry along parts of the Dutch-German frontier hitherto only guarded by Landsturm men.

Dutch Foreign Minister Tells Chamber Situation Is Serious.

THE HAGUE, April 25.—Speaking to-day in the first chamber of the Netherlands Parliament on the sand and gravel question with Germany, the Dutch Foreign Minister declared he could not and must not conceal from the Chamber the fact that the question was a very serious one. He said he could not say more about it.

May Not Mean Diplomatic Break. View at Capital.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Officials of the Netherlands Legation, although without information from their Government regarding reports that the German Minister had left The Hague, and that the Dutch Minister had left Berlin, thought to-day this did not necessarily mean a break in diplomatic relations was near between Germany and Holland.

TO MOBILIZE TIN CANS.

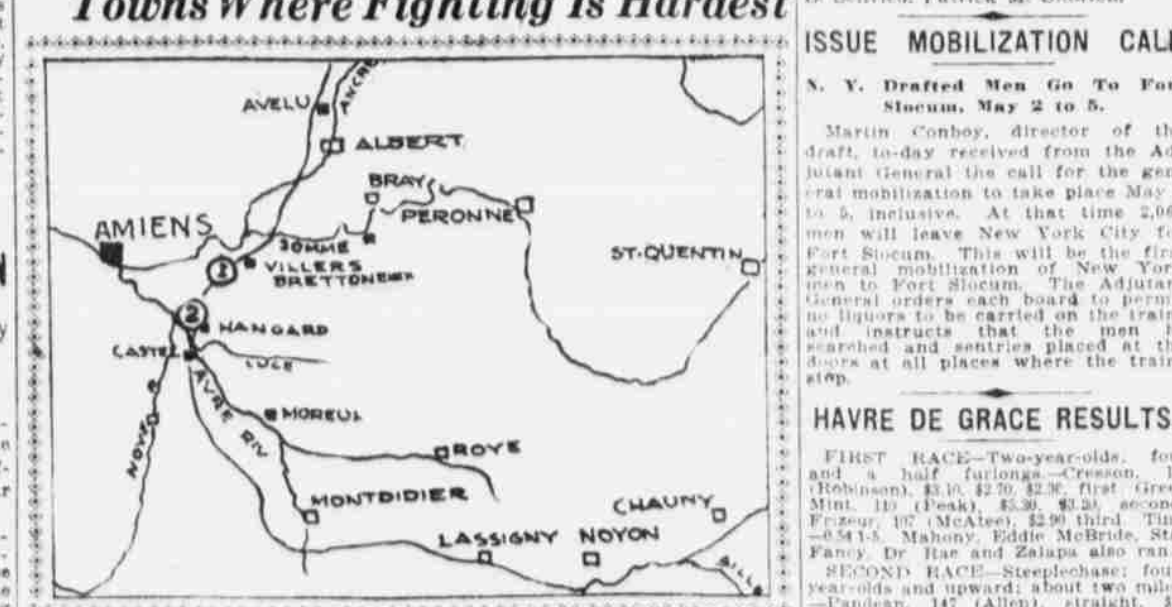
War Industries Board Plans Nation-Wide Campaign.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Mobilization of empty tin cans from kitchens in every home, hotel and restaurant is being considered by the War Industries Board to relieve the tin shortage.

Last year 17,000 tons of tin were recovered from tin cans and other articles. This figure can be doubled by a nation-wide campaign, it is believed.

Officials consider tin saving a necessary part of the war programme.

Franco-American Picardy Front; Towns Where Fighting Is Hardest



Villers-Bretonneux (No. 1 on the above map) is east of Amiens and just below the Somme. It was captured yesterday by the Germans, but retaken last night by the British forces. Heavy fighting still continues in that vicinity.

Hangard (No. 2 on the map) is southeast of Amiens and perhaps the nearest point to that city reached so far by the Germans. It is two miles and a half from the railway which runs to Paris. From Hangard southward along the Oise new is the Franco-American front. Heavy artillery fighting is reported there.

HYLAN REVERSES PIER LEASE VOTE; THROWS OUT BID

Hudson River Property Declared Open Dock After Mayor Attacks "Trust."

The Sinking Fund Commission to-day turned a complete somersault and threw out the bid of the Hudson Dock & Terminal Corporation for the ten-year lease of Pier 69, North River, at \$25,000 a year. Although this sum was bid the amount was raised to \$30,000 at the suggestion of Mayor Hylan, referred to by Justice Greenbaum as a "most extraordinary proceeding."

After throwing out the Hudson Company's offer the commission voted to dispose of the much contested pier by making it an open dock pending a decision of the court.

In taking this unlooked-for action to-day the Sinking Fund Commission ignored an offer of \$41,000 a year made late yesterday afternoon by the Occident Company, the present lessee of the pier, whose term of occupancy expires May 1, as well as a \$10,000 a year offer made by James Audiotore & Co., which appeared on to-day's calendar.

Dock Commissioner Murray Hulbert took the first step resulting in to-day's action of the Sinking Fund Commission.

"I recommend," he said, "that the action of this Commission on April 11, when it awarded the Hudson Dock and Terminal Company a lease of Pier 69, North River, be rescinded, in order that I may be permitted to sell the lease of Pier 69 to the highest bidder without any restriction."

"This mysterious Occident Dock Company has bid \$41,000 a year for the pier," said Mayor Hylan. "Is there any chance of the pier going higher? I see Mr. Audiotore, another bidder, sitting here. Are you willing to go higher, Mr. Audiotore?"

"I am," replied the man addressed, moving forward to the rail.

"Never mind; that's all I wanted to know," replied the Mayor, smiling broadly.

Then he added: "In view of the new conditions that have arisen I move that the Sinking Fund Commission reconsider its action in leasing Pier No. 69, North River, to the Hudson Dock and Terminal Corporation."

Comptroller Craig seconded this motion.

Then addressing Dock Commissioner Hulbert, the Mayor said:

"You should be commended for your zeal in getting at the root of this dock trust evil and dragging it forth into the daylight. If you had let this pier to the old Dock Trust crowd, the New York Central Company and its friends, there would not have been a bit of criticism against you. But this Occident Dock Company, which was organized in West Virginia, the home of wildcat corporations, and the owner of every bit of capital stock in which lives in far away England, wouldn't be finding so much fault if you had permitted it to go along paying \$15,000 a year as it did under Dock Commissioner Smith."

"All those reform takers who are now rushing forward and exclaiming indignantly against this Commission were being made to the Dock Trust in the past. It's all very clear to any citizen who takes the trouble to analyze the situation."

William P. Wemple, counsel for the Hudson Dock and Terminal Company, protested against rescinding the agreement between that company and the Sinking Fund Commission.

James A. Taylor, who said he represented the Bureau of Municipal Research, approached the rail and was about to address the Board when Mayor Hylan exclaimed:

"This matter of Pier 69 has already been passed upon."

"I would like to say a word about Pier 69," replied Mr. Taylor.

"Too late," replied the Mayor.

"As a citizen and a taxpayer," "Official," called out the Mayor, "see that that man sits down."

Lieut. Kennel escorted the indignant Mr. Taylor to a seat.

ISSUE MOBILIZATION CALL

N. Y. Drafted Men Go To Fort Slocum, May 2 to 5.

Martin Conboy, director of the draft, to-day received from the Adjutant General the call for the general mobilization to take place May 2 to 5, inclusive. At that time 2,065 men will leave New York City for Fort Slocum. This will be the first general mobilization of New York men to Fort Slocum. The Adjutant General orders each board to permit no liquors to be carried on the trains and instructs that the men be searched and sentries placed at the doors at all places where the trains stop.

HAVRE DE GRACE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds, four and a half furlongs—Crescent, 112 (Robinson), \$5.10, \$2.70, \$2.30, first (Green Stint, 119 (Peak), \$5.30, \$2.20, second (Fitzgour, 107 (McAtee), \$2.90 third, Time—0:34.15. Mahony, Eddie McBride, Star Fanny, Dr. Har and Zeppa also ran.

SECOND RACE—Steeplechase; four-year-olds and upward; about two miles—Pampan, 147 (Allen), straight, \$4.10, place, \$4.60, show, \$3.20. Little Horse, 145 (Ball), place, \$24.30, show, \$11.35, second, Porin, 147 (Clark), show, \$20.20, third, Time, 4:28. Bob Redfield, Kid-winning, First Out, Cloots Redcap, Turmoil also ran.

Archbishop Ireland's Condition Improves.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25.—Archbishop John Ireland, who recently suffered a relapse after recuperating from a physical breakdown, was somewhat improved to-day.

N. Y. CENTRAL FIGHTS U. S. SHIP PLAN, SAYS HULBERT

Dock Commissioner Declares President Smith Wants Army Piers Kept on North River.

Addressing the Sinking Fund Commission this afternoon in defense of his action with reference to the leasing of Pier 69, North River, Dock Commissioner Murray Hulbert charged that A. H. Smith, President of the New York Central Railroad, who is regional railroad director under Director McAdoo, is opposing Gen. Goethals's plan to have the transatlantic base of the United States Army centered south of the Bush Terminal in Brooklyn.

Commissioner Hulbert further charged that Mr. Smith wants to keep the army piers on the North River front, where they will be of the greatest benefit to the New York Central Railroad as a trans-continental shipping terminal.

"Is it corporate greed or getting the boys and supplies for them the paramount question of this war?" asked Commissioner Hulbert.

Later in his attack Commissioner Hulbert cited as an instance of his opposition to public bidding that even the New York Central might be outbid for one of its piers at 33d Street by one of the pier lessees who had been driven away from the Bush Terminal by the Government.

"Why, that would be outrageous to take a pier away from the New York Central, wouldn't it, Commissioner?" asked the Mayor sarcastically.

TELEGRAPHERS TO STRIKE.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Strike instructions were being prepared here to-day by President J. J. Kohnkamp of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.

The instructions deal with possibilities of a nation-wide tie-up following next Sunday's planned demonstrations when members will publicly avow their union membership. Discharges of union telegraphers in increasing numbers, foreclosing general lockouts next week, forced the union's hand. President Kohnkamp declared to-day.

Lieut. France Drowned as Hydroplane Burns.

PANAMA, April 25.—Lieut. A. J. France was drowned in Gatun Lake late yesterday. A hydroplane in which he was flying caught fire at a height of 2,000 feet. It came down safely, but Lieut. France was drowned while attempting to swim ashore. Lieut. Evans, who was piloting the machine, escaped.

Senator Wadsworth Won't Be Candidate for Governor.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Senator James W. Wadsworth will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of New York. He made this emphatic announcement to-day in answer to a question as to whether he would contest the renomination of Gov. Whitman.

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